

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2007
1:00-2:00 P.M.

The Annual Public Meeting of the Georgia Board of Examiners of Occupational Therapy was held on Friday, November 30, 2007 at the Atlanta Archives Building, located at 5800 Jonesboro Road, Morrow, Georgia.

Members Present:

Kendyl R. Brock, OTR/L, CHT, President
Kathleen H. Conyers, OTR/L, Vice President
Mary Louise Austin, Consumer Member
Donna J. Domyslawski, OTR/L
Karen L. Cadaret, COTA/L

Administrative Staff Present:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director
Serena Gadson, Application Specialist
Amanda Allen, Board Secretary
Wylencia Monroe, Assistant Attorney General

Public Meeting Attendees:

Ms. Kara Gordon, Emory Healthcare
Ms. Debi Hinerfeld, The Atlanta Speech School
Ms. Donna J. Woods, DeKalb County Schools
Ms. Yvette Forbes Banks, PRN throughout the Atlanta area
Ms. Michelle Tomlinson, DeKalb County Schools
Ms. Jacqueline Pugh, DeKalb County Schools
Ms. Althea Montgomery, Clayton County Schools
Ms. Gwen White Gibbons, Aegis Therapy

Ms. Kendyl Brock, President – Ms. Brock greeted each attendee and detailed her background as the President of the Georgia Board of Occupational Therapy. Ms. Brock informed those in attendance that the Board's focus for the upcoming year will be to review and update the Board's rules. She requested that each attendee review the website for the changes made to each rule, and if they had any questions or concerns regarding the rules; please feel free to address them in writing to the Board. She also informed everyone that the Board is working on keeping the Frequently Asked Questions updated on the website. Ms. Brock discussed in-depth the requirements for Continuing Education. She announced to those in attendance that the Board no longer approves Continuing Education courses; the Georgia Occupational Therapy Association and

American Occupational Therapy Association approve Continuing Education courses acceptable to the Board. Contact information was relayed to each attendee.

Ms. Kathleen Conyers, Vice President - Greeted each attendee and discussed her role as the Vice President of the Occupational Therapy Board.

Ms. Mary Louise Austin, Consumer Member - Greeted each attendee and discussed her role as the Consumer Member on the Board.

Ms. Donna Domyslawski - Greeted each attendee and detailed her background as an Occupational Therapist. In addition, Ms. Domyslawski reiterated how essential it was to complete the required continuing education hours. She also informed each attendee how vital it was not to let your license lapse or expire.

Ms. Karen Cadaret - Greeted each attendee and detailed her background as an Occupational Therapy Assistant.

Mr. Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director - Introduced himself and explained his role as the Executive Director of the Allied Health Division.

Ms. Serena Gadson, Application Specialist II - Introduced herself and explained her role as the Application Specialist II.

Ms. Amanda Allen, Board Secretary - Introduced herself and explained her role as the Board Secretary.

Ms. Wylencia Monroe, Assistant Attorney General, - Introduced herself as the Assistant Attorney General assigned to the Occupational Therapy Board for the provision of assisting the Board with all legal advice and representation.

After each Board Member introduced herself, the Board requested that each person in attendance introduce themselves to the Board.

The Board addressed and discussed the following questions and issues with the group:

1. How is one appointed to the Board?
2. What is the term length an appointed member must serve?
3. Can you request to be appointed for additional terms?
4. Can a Level I student be considered for Continuing Education credit for the Clinical Instruction (CI's) like that of a Level II student?
5. When is the deadline to submit Continuing Education hours for the ethics course (December or March)?
6. Can a Physical Therapist certify an Occupational Therapist in modalities?
7. If an Occupational Therapist is a new graduate and was licensed in 2007 are they responsible for the same Continuing Education hours as those who have

- had a license for the entire two year period?
8. What are the total number of Continuing Education hours that are required per renewal period for both the Georgia Occupational Therapy Association and the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy?
 9. Can you carry over any extra Continuing Education hours to the following licensure year?
 10. Can an Occupational Therapist use an Ethics course provide by a Physical Therapist for Occupational Therapy licensure?
 11. Can courses taken January 2008-March 2008 be used for the 2008 licensure renewal period?
 12. Why can't Occupational Therapist get full hour(s) credit for an American Occupational Therapy Association on-line or home study course?
 13. Does the Board have jurisdiction over the number of students an Occupational Therapist can attend in a school system?

The Board reminded everyone in attendance to be sure and visit the Board's web page at www.sos.georgia.gov/plb/ot for the latest information regarding licensure in Georgia, and to review the statute and board rules. It is the responsibility of all licensed OT's and OTA's to be familiar with and adhere to the law and rules governing the profession.

The Board also discussed the following concerns:

1. The proper procedures in reporting fraud to your employer and to the Board.
2. The proper procedures in reporting unlicensed practice to the Board.
3. Proper procedure when requesting a name or address change.

With no other questions or concerns addressed to the Board. The Occupational Therapy Public meeting held at the Archives Building adjourned at 03:07 p.m.

Minutes recorded by:

Amanda Allen, Board Secretary

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

Kendyl Brock, President

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

These minutes were signed and approved on _____.